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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 29, 2003
Meeting Time: 1:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 5

Members Present: Rep. William Crawford; Rep. Mary Kay Budak; Sen. Connie Lawson; Ellen Clippinger; Sven Schumacher; Judy Nevins; Mara Snyder; Dr. Judith Ganser; Michael Murray; Nathan Samuel; Carol Johnson; Reverend C L Day; Natalie Wolfe.

Members Absent: Sen. Rose Antich-Carr; Cheryl Seelig; Kimberly Tracy Armstrong; Sharon Pierce.

Rep. Crawford called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He introduced Rep. Cleo Duncan, House District 67, noting that she had requested an opportunity to address the Board. Rep. Duncan stated that there is a lack of sufficient child care in her district, noting her concern that the situation will be exacerbated by more restrictive child care regulation. She encouraged the Board to: (a) move slowly in changing regulatory requirements; (b) consider the differences between rural and urban settings; and (c) consider allowing parents to judge whether a child care provider is of sufficient quality to care for their children. In response to questions from Rep. Budak and Ms. Johnson, Rep. Duncan: (a) stated that the good child care providers in her district are well known, as are those that provide poor child care; and (b) acknowledged that economics play a role in availability of

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child care since parents may not be able to afford care that is available. Ms. Johnson suggested that work toward assisting parents with child care costs is preferable to decreased regulation of child care.

Final Report and Proposed Legislation

Rep. Crawford noted the need for nine affirmative votes of Board members for adoption of the final report and proposed legislation. Rep. Crawford requested that staff provide a review of the draft final report², individually addressing the findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation for each issue discussed by the Board during the interim.

Child Care Financing

The Board discussed findings, recommendations, and PD 3379³, concerning expenses of criminal history and drug testing requirements. There was general discussion concerning the recommendation regarding a voluntary child care donation on income tax forms. On motion and second, the Board voted 13-0 by a show of hands to adopt the findings, recommendations, and PD 3379 for introduction during the 2004 session of the General Assembly.

Minimum Standard for Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Provider Eligibility

The Board discussed findings, recommendations, and PD 3377⁴, requiring licensure in addition to compliance with current minimum standards as a condition of CCDF provider eligibility. Rep. Crawford suggested that the findings and recommendations reflect the Board's consideration of the information received by the Board during the Board's October 7, 2003, meeting that only 5 states in the United States have less stringent family child care licensure thresholds than Indiana⁵. With this amendment to the findings and recommendations, the Board, on motion and second voted 13-0 by a show of hands to adopt the findings, recommendations, and PD 3377 for introduction during the 2004 session of the General Assembly.

Child Care Home Administrative Rules

The Board discussed the findings and recommendations. Sen. Lawson emphasized her concerns with the draft rules and the manner in which they will be applied to providers if formally adopted. On motion and second, the Board voted 12-0 by a show of hands to adopt the findings and recommendations.

Kith and Kin and Child Care Home Capacity Limit Issues

The Board considered possible findings and recommendations concerning licensure and registration of legally unlicensed child care providers. Ms. Wolfe suggested legislation to require registration of certain child care providers that: (a) are currently legally unlicensed; (b) care for less than 6 unrelated children in a residential setting; and (c) receive regular compensation for the care. There was general discussion concerning: (a) fiscal and policy concerns about this type of legislation; (b) the anticipated move toward more uniform licensure of all child care providers versus registration of some types of child care

²Attachment 1.

³Attachment 2.

⁴Attachment 3.

⁵Attachment 4.

providers; and (c) and the confusion that might result from requiring registration rather than licensure. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the concept for inclusion in the final report. The motion failed on a 6-6 vote by a show of hands.

The Board made no findings or recommendations concerning this issue.

Preschool Regulation

The Board considered possible findings and recommendations and discussed PD 3396⁶, requiring registration of preschools. The Board consented to a finding that all child care providers that care for children of the same age group should meet the same standard of care. On motion and second, the Board voted 11-1 by a show of hands to adopt the findings and recommended PD 3396, as amended during the meeting, for introduction during the 2004 session of the General Assembly.

Proposed Booster Seat Legislation

Following discussion, the Board made no findings or recommendations concerning this issue.

Final Report

Rep. Crawford provided an opportunity for public comment on the final report and proposed legislation. No comments were offered by those present.

On motion and second, the Board voted 12-0 by a show of hands to adopt the final report, as amended during the meeting.

Rep. Budak noted the dates of the roundtable discussions organized by Theresa Jolivet, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, as recommended in the final report, as follows:

December 2, 2003, Marion County
December 3, 2003, Allen County
December 4, 2003, Jasper, Indiana
December 9, 2003, Lake County
December 15, 2003, Floyd County

Rep. Budak noted that Ms. Jolivet can be contacted at (317) 264-3110 for further information.

Ms. Wolfe noted that the Commission on Abused and Neglected Children will hold its first meeting on November 14, 2003.

With no further business to discuss, Rep. Crawford adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

⁶Attachment 5.